

Safe State OSH Consultation Program

Overview

The Safe State Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program is a FREE confidential service provided by the University of Alabama's College of Continuing Studies to small employers (250 or less employees on site; 500 total employees) within the state. At your invitation, consultants will come to your office or plant to perform a survey and to advise you of existing or potential health and safety problems in your facility, suggest general approaches or options for solving those problems, identify other help available if further assistance is needed, and provide you with a written report summarizing the findings of the visit.

Safe State consultants are highly trained and qualified to provide safety and health recommendations to Alabama industries. All have extensive experience in the field of occupational safety and health. Most have graduate degrees and certifications granted by professional organizations.

Consultants will not:

- Issue citations or propose penalties for violations of OSHA standards
- Guarantee that any workplace will pass an OSHA inspection
- Prescribe specific engineering designs, or
- Recommend specific firms to solve problems
- Report possible violations to OSHA enforcement staff (unless the employer refuses or fails to correct a hazard within an agreeable time frame)

As a condition, you, the employer, must agree to:

- Correct all identified hazards that could result in injury and/or illness to your employees
- Post a list of identified hazards in a prominent location readily observable by all affected employees for at least 3 days or until the hazards are corrected, whichever is longer

Benefits of using Safe State

A safe and healthy workplace will reduce your cost of doing business and contribute to your return on investment in both the short and long term. The Safe State Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program is designed to help employers control costs by reducing accidents, illnesses, and problems with regulatory compliance. Using Safe State is using your own tax dollars to help reduce costs. Safe State is 90% funded by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and 10% by the University of Alabama through an agreement with the Alabama Department of Labor.

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